

PATENT

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Jean-Paul STEIB et al.
Conf.:
Appl. No.:
Group:
Filed: October 23, 2003
Examiner:
Title: PEDICULAR HOOKS FOR RACHIDIAN ANCHORING
DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
October 23, 2003

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.